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International Search Report dated February 24, 2005 established in International Application No. PCT/EP2004/011131, of which this application is the U.S. national stage.

**CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY
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The documents EP 1 182 048; U.S. 6,380,547 and U.S. 2004/0105962 identified on the appended PTO-1449 form correspond to the documents listed in the International Search Report established in PCT/EP2004/011131, of which this application is the U.S. national stage, except that U.S. 2004/0105962 A1 has been substituted for the corresponding document WO 02/070279 A. The relevancy of these documents is evident from the search report. An English language abstract is appended to EP 1 182 048 A from which the relevancy of the document is evident.

The remaining documents identified on the appended PTO-1449 form are mentioned in the body of the specification of the present application and the relevancy of this group of documents may be ascertained from the discussion in the written description of this application.

STATEMENT OF CUMULATIVE INFORMATION

U.S. 2004/0105962 A1 corresponds to WO 02/070279 A.

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An English language translation of EP 1 182 048 A is not available to Applicants' attorney apart from the abstract appended to the document.

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U.S. Patent Documents

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	6,380,547	04/30/2002	Manuel E. GONZALEZ et al.			
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Foreign Patent Documents

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	EP 1 182 048	02/27/2002	EUROPE				X
	WO 01/48311	07/05/2001	WIPO				X
	EP 0 052 624	06/02/1982	EUROPE				X
	EP 0 053 124	06/09/1982	EUROPE				X
	EP 0 659 935	06/28/1995	EUROPE				X
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